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alone are considered eligible for the offices of chief mayor and mayor of towns. Besides, a Jew possessed of a knightly estate is not permitted to exercise the prerogatives attached to his landed possessions, and communion with a Christian Church is expressly required to render a man eligible as deputy for any commune in the States.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Second Ordinary Meeting, 1845-6. Monday, 22nd December, 1845.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows:—

William Ogilby, Esq., M.A.

J. J. Sylvester, Esq.

Richard Dugard Grainger, Esq.

J. S. Goodfellow, M.D.

Major Henry Berkley Henderson.

Charles Grenville Mansell, Esq.

Henry Wyldbore Rumsey, Esq.

The following paper was read:—

Statistics of Crime in England and Wales, from 1839 to 1843. By Rev. Whitworth Russell.

Third Ordinary Meeting, 1845-6. Monday, 19th January, 1846.

Richard Clewin Griffith, Esq., and F. G. P. Neison, Esq., were appointed the Auditors of the Society's Accounts for 1845, in conjunction with Dr. Bowring, M.P., appointed by the Council.

The following gentlemen were proposed for admission into the Society:—

Rev. Dunbar S. Halkett.

Rev. F. C. Cooke.

The following paper was read:—

On the Duration of Life among the English Gentry, with additional observations on the Duration of Life among the Aristocracy. By W. A. Guy, M.D., Hon. Sec.

MISCELLANEOUS.

STATE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE PAST QUARTER.

“THE Quarterly Returns are obtained from 115 Districts, sub-divided into 576 Sub-Districts. *Thirty-four* Districts are placed under the Metropolis, and the remaining 81 Districts comprise, with some agricultural Districts, the principal towns and cities of England. The population was 6,579,693 in 1841.”

The mortality in the last quarter of 1845 was much lower than is usual, for only 39,178 deaths were registered, which is less by 14,740 than the number (43,918) registered in the corresponding quarter of 1844; and 2357 less than the average of the corresponding quarter of seven previous years, notwithstanding the increase of the population at the rate of about 1·74 per cent. annually.

The fluctuations in the mortality, above and below the average, are exhibited in the following series of numbers. The lower line is deduced from the Return in the December quarter of 1838, and shows what the deaths would have been if they had increased in the same ratio as the population.